

take-line embracing approximately 1200 acres, this take-line being on file with the State Planning Department. It is the judgment of the General Assembly that this be the total boundaries of the park and that no plans for development contemplate acquisition beyond these boundaries.

The Department of Economic and Community Development has caused an independent economic consultant firm study to be made of the St. Mary's City historic park, and the study concludes that the plans of the St. Mary's City Commission are based on excellent research and are economically sound and recommends the acquisition of the 1200-acre tract for the historic park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES OF MARYLAND, That the St. Mary's City Commission be requested to proceed in the acquisition of all lands within its approved take-line by any and all appropriate methods of land acquisition, using every reasonable effort to ameliorate any hardship or disruptive effects upon property owners, including adoption and implementation of policies of acquisition and control of land that enables private property owners to remain on their lands for the maximum time possible consistent with orderly development and that in any proposed revision of traffic patterns every reasonable effort will be made to avoid adverse impacts on residents within or near the park; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be sent to the members of the St. Mary's City Commission, the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation, the Administrator of the State Highway Administration, the Secretary of the Department of Economic and Community Development, and the Secretary of the Department of State Planning.

Approved May 24, 1973.

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No. 60

(House Joint Resolution 53)

House Joint Resolution stating the support of the General Assembly of Maryland for the manner in which the State Department of Education currently makes payments to the local boards of education for bus transportation provided certain school children, among others.

WHEREAS, The General Assembly of Maryland subscribes to the policy by which the State Department of Education supports the transportation of pupils in the public schools of the State; and

WHEREAS, It has come to the attention of the General Assembly that beginning in July 1973, the policy of making payments to the local boards of education will be changed; and

WHEREAS, It is the opinion of the General Assembly that the change as outlined by the State Department of Education will impose a very decided hardship on the subdivisions of the State; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly opposes the proposal to ask the counties to provide for the transportation of children who live less than a mile and where walking conditions are hazardous; now, therefore, be it